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In Re Application of:

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TABLE FORMAT PROGRAMMING

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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January 5, 2007

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner,

RECORD OF INTERVIEW
Substance of interview submitted by applicant

Date of Interview: December 28, 2006

Type: Telephone

Interview summary**(A) Nature of Invention**

This application is related to the technical enrichment of further research results originating from the table format (now commercially known as Easy Format® technology, and referred to be Easy Format hereunder) programming technology disclosed in the parent U.S. Patent 5,867,818. Although the parent technology is now a mature technology licensed to various oversea technology firms, the examiner, being not an expert in the Easy Format programming method, seemed to be puzzled how programs written in interactive table format can be accepted and used for the execution of a computer. During the interview, the applicant explained with a brief agenda the theory behind the parent table format programming method to update the examiner.

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Particularly the pre-computer and post computer activities of programming with table format are identified in the discussion.

(B) Supporting evidences submitted

The applicant requested the examiner to refer to study the following evidences, including the previously submitted together with the response on January 30, 2003:

(1) Easy Format® "compiler" capable to convert table format instructions into microcomputer executable codes provided in CD ROM format attached with the response dated January 30, 2003.

(2) Taiwan Patent #138266 and declaration submitted by the applicant with the response dated January 30, 2003. This Taiwan patent was filed claiming the subject USA patent as priority application. Most of the licensees of the Easy Format® technology are from Taiwan.

(3) The applicant further requested the examiner to refer to applicant's web site www.eastformat.com for information about the Easy Format® licensees. Different Easy Format® compilers capable to convert table format instructions into microcomputer executable codes are also available to be downloaded from their company web sites.

(C) Supporting evidences submitted

Since this application claimed the technical improvements of the table format programming technology established, the applicant argued how the subject claims depending on the parent technology can become "abstract ideas" as supported by the following strong evidences:

(1) The table format programming method had been clearly disclosed in claims 21 to 40 in the parent U.S. Patent 5,867,818.

(2) The table format programming method (now commercialized as Easy Format® technology) has been licensed and generating oversea royalty income for an American company for close to ten years. How can be the commercialized successful table format programming technology the subject application based on can become an "abstract idea"?

(3) BOTH the parent U.S. Patent 5,867,818 and the corresponding subject patent application had been allowed and issued in Taiwan, where most of the licensees locate. Taiwan is well known to be strict in granting microcomputer and supporting programming

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technology related patents. This is another strong evidence that the fundamental table format technology of the subject application is not merely an abstract idea.

(D) Incomplete office action

The applicant had difficulty to response to the office action dated 09/07/2006 because the office action did not respond nor comment to strong supporting evidences submitted in applicant's response dated 01/30/2003, as indicated in section (C) above.

(E) Conclusion of Interview

The examiner indicated that there had been new examination guideline published for programming related technology. This are also specific formats for a software related claim required to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101. Accordingly the examiner offered the courtesy to email the applicant this guideline and also the proper wording format for software related claims. The applicant expressed his most sincere thanks to the courtesy of the examiner.

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